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Subject: Concerns about the proposed Microsoft settlement

I am very concerned about the proposed settlement with Microsoft. We have seen that Microsoft is more than willing to use dirty tactics to subvert or avoid restrictions imposed by the court or in written agreements. Microsoft has broken the law and a clear and unavoidable consequence of their actions must be a punishment that will actually force Microsoft to consider changing their contempt for the law.

In addition to ignoring Microsoft's history of contempt for the law, the proposed settlement contains as one of its conditions a huge boon to Microsoft: penetration of a new market. In effect this settlement allows Microsoft to dictate that the fines it should rightfully be paying for its criminal actions must be used to purchase Microsoft products for use in schools. Instead of allowing schools to purchase the software and hardware that best suits their needs, Microsoft is pulling off a coup. Microsoft is forcing schools to spend money in a way that aids Microsoft. This is money that Microsoft should legally have forfeited all control over because of Microsoft's criminal actions.

Please do not allow Microsoft to get out of this situation so easily.

Sincerely,

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